



## Archaeology News

### ***- from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist***

- **Cornelius O'Brien/Indiana Main Street and archaeology-** The DHPA partners with Indiana University and Indiana Main Street to host the Cornelius O'Brien-Indiana Main Street Conference, this year in Madison, Indiana, October 28-30<sup>th</sup>. One of the concurrent sessions will be "Archaeology at the Lanier Mansion Carriage House & Schroeder Saddle Tree Factory." William Wepler of the Indiana State Museum, and Dr. Deborah Rotman of Purdue University will give presentations and tours of these sites in Madison. For further information about the conference, please go to <http://www.conferences.indiana.edu/obrien%2Dmainstreet04/index.htm>.
- **Archaeology outreach to high school students-** Our State Archaeologist recently visited Knightstown High School in east central Indiana. Dr. Jones met with high school students to discuss archaeology in Indiana, archaeology as a career, and more. These students had excellent questions, and Dr. Jones said he enjoyed interacting with these young people about the science of archaeology. Discussions such as these provide wonderful opportunities to share information about archaeology, and help young people understand the realities of archaeology as a career.
- **In the news-** Recently some of you may have heard in the news about a situation in Indiana regarding artifacts and digging for artifacts. If anyone has questions regarding archaeological sites, and the laws which protect them, do not hesitate to contact our office. Another good place to start for gathering information is our information sheet regarding frequently asked questions and answers about archaeology law in our state. This can be found on our webpage at [www.IN.gov/dnr/historic](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic).



Digging for artifacts (dating before Dec. 11, 1816) in our state, even on private property, requires an approved plan from the Department of Natural Resources.

- **Archaeology Month activities-** As September progressed, the DHPA started receiving feedback on various Indiana Archaeology Month events. For example, the photographs below show scenes from one display in Madison and a presentation in Muncie.



The Westerly Group, in Madison, Indiana sent this photograph of their window display regarding Indiana Archaeology Month. The Westerly Group is a cultural resources management consulting firm.



Mitch Zoll, Assistant Director of Archaeological Resources Management Service (Ball State Univ.) and part of his audience during a presentation on archaeology at the Carnegie Muncie Public Library.



Young people at the library learning about artifacts and archaeology.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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